

In the Claims:

Please replace claims 1 and 5 with the following amended claims 1 and 5.

1. (Amended) A pair of oligonucleotide primers for use in detecting the presence or absence of an enterovirus in a sample, wherein a first primer of said pair comprises a sequence of any of:

SEQ ID NO: 1: TTGTRCGCCTGTTTTA,

SEQ ID NO: 2: CAAGCACTTCTGTHHCCCCGG,

SEQ ID NO: 3: TACTTCGAGAARCCYAGTA,

SEQ ID NO: 4: AAGAGYCTATTGAGCTA, or

SEQ ID NO: 5: GGITGGTRSTGGAARTTICC, or a degenerate sequence of SEQ ID No: 5;

and

a second primer of said pair comprises a sequence of any of:

SEQ ID NO: 6: CACYGGATGGCCAATCCAA,

SEQ ID NO: 7: ATTGTCACCATAAGCAGCCA, or

SEQ ID NO: 8: ARRTTIATCCAYTGRTGIGG, or a degenerate sequence of SEQ ID No: 8,

where the first primer and the second primer can be employed to amplify a sequence of a conserved portion in the nucleic acids of enteroviruses,

provided that the second primer comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 or a degenerate sequence of SEQ ID NO: 8 when the first primer comprises the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5 or a degenerate sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.